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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On behalf of the citizens of Illinois, the members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to join the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association, in celebrating May 2007 as American Stroke Month in the State of Illinois; and

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WHEREAS, Stroke Survivors Empowering Each Other (SSEEO), a first-of-its-kind-in-the-nation group of stroke survivors from all parts of Illinois is meeting in Springfield May 15-16, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, The themes for American Stroke Month 2007 are "Young People and Stroke" to educate the public and policymakers about the devastating effects of stroke in young people under age 30, and "Igniting the Power" to end stroke in African Americans, who are at particularly high risk of the disease, by empowering them to reduce their risk, recognize the warning signs, and respond quickly; and

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WHEREAS, Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States, killing about 150,000 Americans each year; and

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WHEREAS, Stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability with more than 1.1 million American adults

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1 experiencing functional limitations or difficulty with  
2 activities of daily living resulting from a stroke; and

3 WHEREAS, Americans are more aware of the risk factors and  
4 warning signs for stroke than in the past, but still less than  
5 one in five adults can correctly classify all stroke symptoms;  
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7 WHEREAS, Warning signs of stroke include sudden numbness or  
8 weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the  
9 body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding;  
10 sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble  
11 walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; and sudden  
12 severe headache with no known cause; and

13 WHEREAS, Stroke leads to the death of more than 7,500  
14 citizens of Illinois each year and disables thousands more; and

15 WHEREAS, New and effective treatments have been developed  
16 to treat and minimize the severity and damaging effects of  
17 strokes, but much more research is needed; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
19 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
20 proclaim May 2007 to be American Stroke Month in the State of  
21 Illinois and urge all the citizens of our State to familiarize

1 themselves with the warning signs, symptoms, and risk factors  
2 associated with stroke so that we might begin to reduce the  
3 devastating effects of stroke on our population.